



**Home & School Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 19, 2018**

7:02- Call to order, Amy Caruso

In attendance: Alicia Kelly, Kris Laubscher, Dana Semos, Amy Caruso, George King, Susie O'Donnell, Tracey Beck-Campbell, Lynn Meza, Diane Ransom, Colleen Stellabotte, Sharon Dunlap, Kristie Beucler, Charlie Taylor

- I. Welcome and Introductions (*please sign in*)
- II. Approval of February Minutes
  - Motion to approve- Kris Laubscher
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>- Alicia Kelly
  - Vote— all approved
- III. Approval of March Minutes
  - Motion to approve- Kris Laubscher
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>- Alicia Kelly
  - Vote— all approved
- IV. Treasurer Reports: Kris Laubscher; Tracey Beck Campbell
  - Big change from march- Wizards- total \$3700 expected
  - \$121 shy of fundraising goal without Book Fair
  - Easily will meet goal of \$14,000 yearly income
  - We have money to spend
  - Thank you everyone for hard work
  - Book Fair- looks like we made about \$1000
  - Added in having kids donate their change—able to purchase books for SHMS library
- V. Principal's Report: George King
  - Book Fair-- Very successful; thank you; kids enjoyed it
  - Wizards-- Thank you Amy, Michele, Patti; all who helped; well worth time & effort
  - Screenagers—Best turnout we've had for anything other than a concert—over 300 attended; thank you for support to host Dr. Bleakley for Q & A; Kids also watched—emphasis on balance
  - PSSA testing completed for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>; 8<sup>th</sup> has Science testing next week; Test is better than it used to be- more rigorous; Our scores well above state average—our scores have held steady; Future Ready Index—one focus is career readiness- Career Day helps us introduce kids to lots of options
  - Science Olympiad—Going to States again
  - Coming up:
    - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Penn Museum trip—4/26 & 4/27—taking train
    - Hontz 5K—Maybe May 25—would like to get whole school involved
    - 8<sup>th</sup>—going to NYC
    - Career Day

- June 1—6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip
- Concerts—5/1, 5/3 & 5/8 @ 7:00 in auditorium
- New Date-- Staff Luncheon, May 25
- New Date—incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation—Thursday, May 31
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance—June 9—theme is Starry Night

## VI. Committee Reports/ Updates:

- Amy—
  - Home & School presidents meet with Superintendent- one thing we've been talking about is Spirit Wear & Directories
  - Screenagers—happy to support Q & A afterward

### Past events:

- Wizards Summary/Feedback—thank you to all for team effort; nice to see everyone have a good time;
  - Amy Caruso—
    - Motion to contribute \$600 to Foundation for Wallingford-Swarthmore Schools—all approve
    - Motion to contribute \$1000 to Jack Hontz Endowment Fund—all approve
  - Feedback?
    - Contact Amy if you have any comments you would like her to pass on through survey.
- Book Fair—next year, considering doing a different vendor instead of Scholastic for more variety of books
- Parent Teacher Coffee April 27—last one
- Staff Appreciation Lunch, new date, Friday, May 25, 3 lunch times, library
  - Gretchen Shifflet & Diane Hull organizing
  - Signupgenius going out to contribute supplemental food and to volunteer
  - Please refrain from discussing children during the luncheon
- Career Day—Wednesday, May 23—Speakers Lunch then 3 sets of talks—all students
  - SurveyMonkey almost complete
  - One cancellation—VP of Philadelphia Union
  - Tracey Beck-Campbell—a parent at NPE is a coach for Sixers- Tracey will get in touch to see if he might be interested
  - We have tradespeople, military, entrepreneurs, actors, bloggers, cardiologist, veterinarian—good mix
  - Charlie Taylor- interested in Coast Guard officer? Definitely- let Alicia know
- Grounds & Greens—Susie O'Donnell (current chair) Diane Ransom—(2018-19)new chair—waiting for warm weather
- Spirit Wear
- Other
  - Lynn Meza, 6<sup>th</sup> grade rep
    - June 1—Field Day—in process of planning
  - Kristie Beucler, 8<sup>th</sup> grade rep
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance, June 9—signup coming for food donations, decorating, clean-up
  - Susie O'Donnell-- Rita's Night—May 30—
    - Teachers willing to volunteer—Mr. King says he will facilitate sign-up
    - Prizes—need more variety of prizes—not just \$1 items—donations?

## VII. Old Business

- Mail Chimp Newsletter, Amy—we need someone to manage—Alicia adding to HAS roles for 2018-19

## VIII. New Business

- Guest Speaker—Colleen Stellabotte, President, SHHS Home & School
  - Things are different at high school
  - One fundraiser—Directory—supports Teacher Wish Lists

- Monthly Meetings—2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 6:30 p.m. in library
- Weekly E-blast
- Website-- [www.SHSHSA.org](http://www.SHSHSA.org)
- Open positions next year:
  - Class reps for 2022—at the high school you follow the class through all four years—biggest event is After Prom
  - Directory Ad Sales
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  - Position Descriptions on web site
- SHMS Home & School members—have been going to elementary school Home & School meetings to bridge transition to middle school
  - NPE- May 2—Tracey, Kris
  - May 31- 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation- selling 6<sup>th</sup> grade supply kits
    - Need help with selling
    - Flyers will be going to elementary schools
- **SHMS HAS Positions open for next year**
  - Dispersing Treasurer- easy way to be involved
  - Co-Chair- 2-yr. role
  - Secretary
  - Career Day- could use 2 more—Amy & Alicia current
  - Passive Fundraising--?
  - Supply Kits—incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade reps?
  - Musical/Refreshments
  - Web site content writers needed
  - Special Event—accessibility for special needs
- Thank you celebration for all—info coming
- Restaurant Share—maybe next year
- Other?
  - Panthers for Panels, Susie O'Donnell
    - Fundraising ideas—
    - Need to get more people involved- can Panthers for Panels be included on parent volunteer interest form that goes home at the beginning of the year
    - Trying to get the word out

#### Upcoming Events:

- Reminder Dates !!!!      **May**
- 1      SHMS 7/8 Spring Fine and Applied Arts Night 7:00 pm #1
- 3      SHMS 7/8 Spring Fine and Applied Arts Night 7:00 pm #2
- 8      SHMS Grade 6 Spring Fine and Applied Arts Night
- 14     NPE 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to SHMS 9:00 am
- **15    K-8 ALL DAY TEACHER IN SERVICE.....NO SCHOOL**
- 16     WES 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to SHMS 9:00 am / 8<sup>th</sup> Grade NYC Odyssey
- 17     SRS 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to SHMS 9:00 am/ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade NYC Discovery
- 17     Home and School Mtg. 7:00 pm
- 18     SHMS High Note Festival
- **21 \* NEW date      Staff Appreciation Lunch**
- 23     Career Day Speakers (Noon -2pm)
- ~~25     Parent/Teacher Coffee 9:00 am —11:00 am~~

- Meeting adjourned @ 8:18 p.m.